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SPEAKER: Meeting is in the Legislative Council Hearing Room. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I would like to ask the court a question. Bearing in mind that these bills that are introduced have to remain on the -- for five legislative days after they come out of Committee. It seems to me that we are not going to have much work to do except to be here and put in a legislative day. Is it necessary or desirable that those Senators who have bills to get them introduced at least tomorrow. So at least, we can start them in the rhythm of a motion, for example in order to get some work done eventually

SPEAKER: Would you respond to that, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Definitely, it is to the advantage of the senate to get bills put in because you cannot pass them on final reading until five intervening legislative days. So it is to everyone's advantage that the sooner you get them in the sooner the sooner they can be either considered by a committee or placed on General File and acted on.

SENATOR CARPENTER: If I understood the clerk, it is his belief that are only about seven revisers bills which is substantially less than we have ever had before. The only part I am trying to make is that it takes a long while for this body to get into gear and every day we set here and pace ourselves and do nothing in so far as because we can't help it, that we ought to encourage all the members to get all the bills in that are drafted. As many as you can tomorrow and certainly every day after that because until we get enough bills on hand, then we have to have five days for a hearing, we're not going anywhere. And I presume, that while it's not hot now, by the middle it will be. I am not, within my province, to tell the Legislature what to do but I think it is important now that you understand this body cannot get into motion until we get bills introduced, we get bills referred to Committee, get them printed and give a five day notice for public hearing. So I would hope that those Senators who have bills would certainly give them to the clerk tomorrow and that doesn't mean they will be heard next week or within five days because that is something I presume that the Committee Chairman and the members who have bills introduced.

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